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**TESTIMONY OF MURRAY TOWILL
PRESIDENT
HAWAII HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION**

January 28, 2009

Re: Honolulu Police Commission – Confirmation of Max J. Sword

Good afternoon Chairman Apo and members of the Honolulu City Council. I am Murray Towill, President of the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association.

The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms and individuals. Our membership includes over 170 hotels representing over 47,300 rooms. Our hotel members range from the 2,523 rooms of the Hilton Hawaiian Village to the 4 rooms of the Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast on the Big Island.

I am honored to support the appointment of Max J. Sword to the Honolulu Police Commission.

I have known and worked with Max for almost 20 years. We have worked together on numerous projects and initiatives in the visitor industry and community. Max has always proven to be a hard worker who is organized and focused on results.

Max is an intelligent and honest person who would bring balance and understanding to the Honolulu Police Commission. Max's love for the City of Honolulu makes him a great choice for this position.

I am confident Max would be an excellent member of the Honolulu Police Commission and I urge you to support his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.